



2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals

The Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals enthusiastically supports the *2009 Legislative Priorities* established by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL). In addition to those priorities, GASSP feels that the following priorities are critical to the continued success of all high schools in Georgia.

1. GASSP opposes school vouchers in any form. It is our belief that state granted vouchers undermine the integrity of public education and result in public schools losing its best and brightest students.
2. It is vital to high school academic efforts that the QBE law be fully funded. Having to meet increasing performance demands with less than adequate funding for direct and indirect instruction makes continued success problematic.
3. Transportation expenses, particularly as they relate to co-curricular activities deserve serious attention and increased funding.
4. Operations funding for items such as textbooks, instructional materials, copiers, etc., is inadequate to provide students with an effective and comprehensive curriculum.
5. Critical to the effective operation of all high schools is the availability of a reasonable system of teacher evaluation. GASSP urges making a modern, validated, reliable instrument available to systems that wish to replace the current GTEP model.
6. GASSP very strongly opposes any changes to TRS rules that modify the prefunded Cost Of Living Adjustment for retired educators.
7. In order to raise high school graduation rates, it is critical that there be state funds for at-risk, summer remedial, and computer based virtual programs that supplement traditional instruction.